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Written from

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29th J A N U A R Y, 1746.

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A Gentleman Volunteer, to his
Friend at *Glasgow*.

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THIS is to let you know, That I am both alive, and in pretty good Health, considering my ill Bedding; I'll warrant you there are more than three Hundred of us lying upon Straw in the Kirk; but they say, There are many more in the Tolbooth of the Town, and Cellars of the *Callender*, that do not fare so well; there are many great Officers kill'd, I believe more than Sixty, I know not whe-

ther or not; for we dare neither ask News, nor tell them. The *Highlanders* are not so cruel as we thought them, by their Behaviour to us; I cannot see whether there are any *Papists* among them, for, in one End of the Kirk, the Minister of *Fala* reads the Bible, and we all sing *Psalms*, and the Guards take off their Bonnets: But I am sorry to tell you, That the *English* Red-Coats go to the other End of the Kirk, and, all the Time of our Worship, they are cursing and swearing, and damning the *Presbyterian* Dissenters. But what is worst of all, there is beginning amongst ourselves a Diffidence and Doubt about the Justness of our Cause, Whether we are fighting for the K—g of *Br—n*, or for the Elector of *H———r*? And whether He or King *J——s* has the best Right to the Crown of *Scotland*? And further, some of ourselves are saying, That the *Pr——nt* Religion would be more safe under King *J——s*, than ever the *Ch———n* Religion was under this present King,

King, or his Father before him; and exclaim heavily against the Encouragement that both of them have given to *Ant*———*n* B——ps of their own Creation : I confess I am staggering, and I am not ashamed to own it, when the Salvation of my own Soul, as well as the Interest, and Honour, and Liberty of my Country, is to be weighed and considered: I hope it is good for me that I am afflicted, and I praise the Providence of GOD, who has given me Time and Opportunity to reflect on my by-gone Zeal and Fury against many Things, without Knowledge; and I pray that GOD may direct me first to try, and then hold fast to the best, and give me Grace to reflect on what I have been doing for so many Years past; and to consider and determine what I am to do for the future; I am not ashamed to make this Declaration and Confession to you my intimate Friend, but to all that know me, and I wish that our whole Club and Companions may examine, as I am doing.

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We are going again to sheath our Swords in the Breasts of our dear *Countrymen*, our *Fathers*, our *Brothers*, and our near *Relations*, should not we examine the absolute and obliging Necessity, before we adventure and engage in such horrible Measures? Is it for your Country? What will you gain by it, if the better Part are *hanged, forfeited, or transported*? Is it for your hereditary King, that you boast and triumph over all *Europe* for a long Succession of Kings? That was interrupted at the Revolution, and never before. We are fighting to continue that Interruption; and the *Highland Army* are fighting to restore the Honour, Dignity, and Justice of the true Line: What further I have or might say on these, and many other Articles of my Doubts and Qualms, I leave to the Bearer, who you know is our common Friend, and one of our own Sentiments, for you and him to talk of together, with that Sincerity and Impartiality which such an important Subject deserves.

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